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was drawn by the Government of India to the matter of engaging particular persons as special public prosecutors and whether the Government of Madras undertook to see that that practice was put an end to?

A.—No.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ Sir, may I ask as a supplementary question whether the hon. the Law Member's attention has been drawn to it? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes.”

Congress Office.

Trespass of Policemen into the Congress Office, Trichinopoly.

63 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact—

(a) that policemen trespassed into the Congress Office at Trichinopoly and removed the flags therefrom ; and

(b) that policemen trespassed into Mr. M. Singaravelu Chettiyar's house in Madras and removed the flags therefrom ;

(ii) if the answers to the above questions be in the affirmative—

(a) under whose orders the policemen acted ; and

(b) under what provisions of law such orders were issued ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“ May I ask a question whether the Government will call for the information in view of the importance of the allegations made ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ They have done so.”

Court of Wards.

The Sivaganga zamindari.

64 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. M. MURUGAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the present financial condition of the Sivaganga zamindari under the management of the Court of Wards is not satisfactory, and if so, why ;

(b) whether the Court of Wards has applied for any loan, and if so, the nature and the extent of the loan ; and

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to hand over the management of the zamindari to the direct management of the zamindar in the near future and if so, when ?

A.—(a) The estate is unencumbered and perfectly solvent but has taken a temporary loan from the Imperial Bank equivalent to about one-third of its annual income to finance work of permanent benefit to the estate and its tenants.

(b) The estate has applied for a Government loan of Rs. 5 lakhs, to complete the repayment of the loan mentioned above and its programme of work.

(c) The Government are not prepared to answer this question.